

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.- 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A multilayer film comprising:

- a) a first and second outer layer each comprising a polymer;
- b) a core layer comprising a polymer; and
- c) a first and second substrate layer each comprising a polymer, the first and second substrate layers disposed between the core layer and the first and second outer layers respectively;

wherein ~~at least one~~ each of

- i) the first substrate layer,
- ii) the second substrate layer,
- iii) the first outer layer, and
- iv) the second outer layer,

comprises ~~a blend of~~

- ~~—— i) primary fatty amidic wax [[, and]]~~
- ~~—— ii) transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid;~~

wherein the first outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount of 1%

to 50% of the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the first substrate layer; and

the second outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount of 1% to

50% of the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the second substrate layer; and

wherein at least one of

- i) the first and second outer layers, and
- ii) the first and second substrate layers

comprises a transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid.

8. (original) The film of claim 7 wherein the first and outer layers, the core layer, and the first and second substrate layers, each comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of:

- a) ethylene/alpha olefin copolymer;

- b) ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer;
- c) ionomer resin;
- d) ethylene/ acrylic or methacrylic acid copolymer;
- e) ethylene/ acrylate or methacrylate copolymer; and
- f) low density polyethylene.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The film of claim 7 wherein the transition metal salt of stearic acid comprises zinc stearate.

11. (original) The film of claim 7 wherein the first and second outer layers each comprises an antiblock agent.

12. (original) The film of claim 7 wherein the film exhibits an Elmendorf Tear value (ASTM D 1922-94A) of more than 25 grams per mil.

13. (original) The film of claim 7 wherein the film is heat shrinkable.

14. (currently amended) A multilayer film comprising:

- a) a first and second outer layer each comprising a polymer; and
- b) a substrate layer comprising a polymer; and

wherein ~~at least one~~ each of

- i) the first outer layer,
- ii) the second outer layer, and
- ii) the substrate layer,

comprises a ~~blend of~~

~~—— i) ——~~ primary fatty amidic wax, and

~~—— ii) —— transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid;~~

wherein the first outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount less than the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the substrate layer; and
the second outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount less than the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the substrate layer; and
wherein at least one of

i) the first and second outer layers, and

ii) the substrate layer

comprises a transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid.

15. (original) The film of claim 14 wherein the first and outer layers, and the substrate layer, each comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of:

- a) ethylene/alpha olefin copolymer;
- b) ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer;
- c) ionomer resin;
- d) ethylene/ acrylic or methacrylic acid copolymer;
- e) ethylene/ acrylate or methacrylate copolymer; and
- f) low density polyethylene.

16. (canceled)

17. (original) The film of claim 14 wherein the transition metal salt of stearic acid comprises zinc stearate.

18. (original) The film of claim 14 wherein the first and second outer layers each comprises an antiblock agent.

19. (original) The film of claim 14 wherein the film exhibits an Elmendorf Tear value (ASTM D 1922-94A) of more than 25 grams per mil.

20. (original) The film of claim 14 wherein the film is heat shrinkable.

21. (new) The film of claim 7 wherein both the first and second outer layers, and the first and second substrate layers, comprise a transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid.

22. (new) The film of claim 14 wherein both the first and second outer layers, and the substrate layer, comprise a transition metal salt of stearic acid, or ester of stearic acid.

23. (new) The film of claim 14 wherein the first outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount of 1% to 50% of the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the substrate layer; and the second outer layer comprises primary fatty amidic wax in an amount of 1% to 50% of the amount of primary fatty amidic wax in the substrate layer.